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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: LANDING FEES AT FRG AIRPORTS

REF: A. STATE 180062 B. BONN 12442

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED REPLY FROM RANNERSMANN OF
FEDERAL MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION (FMT) TO ITS REQUEST
FOR INFORMATION ON LANDING FEES AND NOISE CHARGES AT
AIRPORTS IN THE FRG.

2. LETTER POINTS OUT THAT AIRPORTS IN FRG HAVE BEEN
"UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE" FROM ENVIRONMENTALISTS AND PEOPLE
OPPOSED TO AIRPORT NOISE. AS A RESULT, THE AIRPORT
COMPANIES HAVE MADE CONSIDERABLE EXPENDITURES FOR NOISE
ABATEMENT, AND THESE EXPENSES WERE AN IMPORTANT REASON
FOR THE RISE IN LANDING FEES IN APRIL 1976. THE LETTER
SAYS A MORE THAN PROPORTIONAL SHARE OF NOISE CONTROL
COSTS ARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO AIRCRAFT THAT DO NOT COMPLY
WITH ICAO CONVENTION ANNEX 16. ON GROUNDS OF EQUITY
AND TO STIMULATE USE OF QUIETER AIRCRAFT, SUCH AIRCRAFT
ARE CHARGED FIVE PERCENT ABOVE THE BASIC LANDING FEES.
THIS IS DESIGNED TO RECOUP PAST AND FUTURE EXPENDITURES
FOR NOISE ABATEMENT. IN 1976/77, AIRPORT COMPANIES

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EXPECT TO RECEIVE APPROXIMATELY DM 20 MILLION FROM THE

ADDITIONAL CHARGE ON AIRCRAFT NOT CONFORMING TO ANNEX
16.

3. AIRPORTS WILL SPEND APPROXIMATELY DM 20 MILLION FOR
"IMMEDIATE" NOISE ABATEMENT IN 1976/77 NOT INCLUDING
SUCH INDIRECT EXPENSES AS PLANNING CHANGES, CONSULTANTS,
DELAYS, ETC.

4. EVEN WITH INCREASED LANDING FEES, AIRPORTS WILL CON-
TINUE TO LOSE MONEY. THE NEW FEES ARE EXPECTED TO REDUCE
THE 1976/77 FISCAL YEAR LOSS BY 55 PERCENT. RANNERSMANN
REGARDS THE FIVE PERCENT CHARGE AS A VERY SLIGHT STIMULUS
TO USE OF QUIETER AIRCRAFT AND AS AN EXAMPLE OF SELF-
RESTRAINT ON THE PART OF THE AIRPORT COMPANIES SINCE
LANDING FEES STILL DO NOT COVER EXPENSES.

5. COPIES OF ENGLISH AND GERMAN TEXTS OF LETTER BEING
POUCHED TO EB/TT/OA AND EUR/CE.
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